OCTOBER 31, 2016

## Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School

# We learn through play.







## Classroom Happenings

We had a visit from the Clayton Fire Department during Fire Safety Week. We met Blaze, the fire dog who demonstrated Stop, Drop and Roll, and the importance of setting up a family meeting place and when to call 911. A firefighter put on the complete fire uniform from pants, suspenders, boots, breathing mask and oxygen tank.

The children were able to check out the fire truck with its many water hoses, the jaws-of-life tool, and the flashing lights.

#### Important Upcoming Dates

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 3 & 4

We look forward to talking with you! Babysitting is available.

#### Barnes and Noble Book Fair

#### November 4

Story Time at 10:00 in the children's section.

#### Day for Dads

November 18 @ 10:45

Please come and join us for Free Choice Time, a few songs and a special snack.



#### Books:

Five Little Pumpkins (Yaccarino)
The Green Little Witch (McGarth)
Big Pumpkin (Silverman)
Corduroy's Halloween (Freeman)

#### Songs:

"Five Little Pumpkins"
"Old Mrs. Witch"
"I'm Hiding"
"Witches' Brew"

Coming up next week, we will start our Transportation theme.

Much Love, Marsha and Chona

### Developmental Skills Children Practiced

In the past two weeks, the Pandas prepared for Halloween which included hands on science and math activities. We carved the pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern, cleaned out the pumpkin's guts, counted the seeds and then roasted the pumpkin seeds. We weighed different sized pumpkins on a scale and counted the number of spiders in a jar. Other activities included making spiders webs by gluing yarn and ribbon, gluing the pumpkin seeds to make jack-olantern's face and painted a scary Halloween scene as part of a cooperative art activity.

